

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS27712 / S1348

This bill strengthens our state's efforts to combat opioid misuse by enhancing use of the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), requiring a check prior to writing a prescription for opioids or benzodiazepines, with certain exemptions. Prescribers are currently required to register with the PDMP in order to maintain a controlled substance registration, but are not required to check the system. PDMP usage data shows that the top 100 prescribers, on average, check the system around 37% of the time. This number has been consistent for the last 2 years. Regular checks of the PDMP are a best management practice nationwide and can help curb prescription misuse. This bill is a result of recommendations from the Governor's Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Group and part of the 2017 Idaho Opioid Misuse and Overdose Strategic Plan.

## FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact of this legislation as the PDMP is already established and accessible to qualified registrants. Additionally, the Board of Pharmacy is already providing funding through a federal grant to medical providers to for a software program that integrates PDMP data into computer workflows, known as Gateway by Appriss.

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